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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, the Applicants enclose herewith a duplicate copy of their response filed September 27, 2005. As noted by the Examiner in a phone call on January 13, 2006, the attached response, which was timely filed, failed to reach the Examiner.

The Applicants, immediately upon learning of this failure, have prepared this paper to respectfully request that the previously filed response be considered as timely filed in light of the certificate of mailing included herewith.

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The Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for following up on this matter and taking the time to place the phone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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